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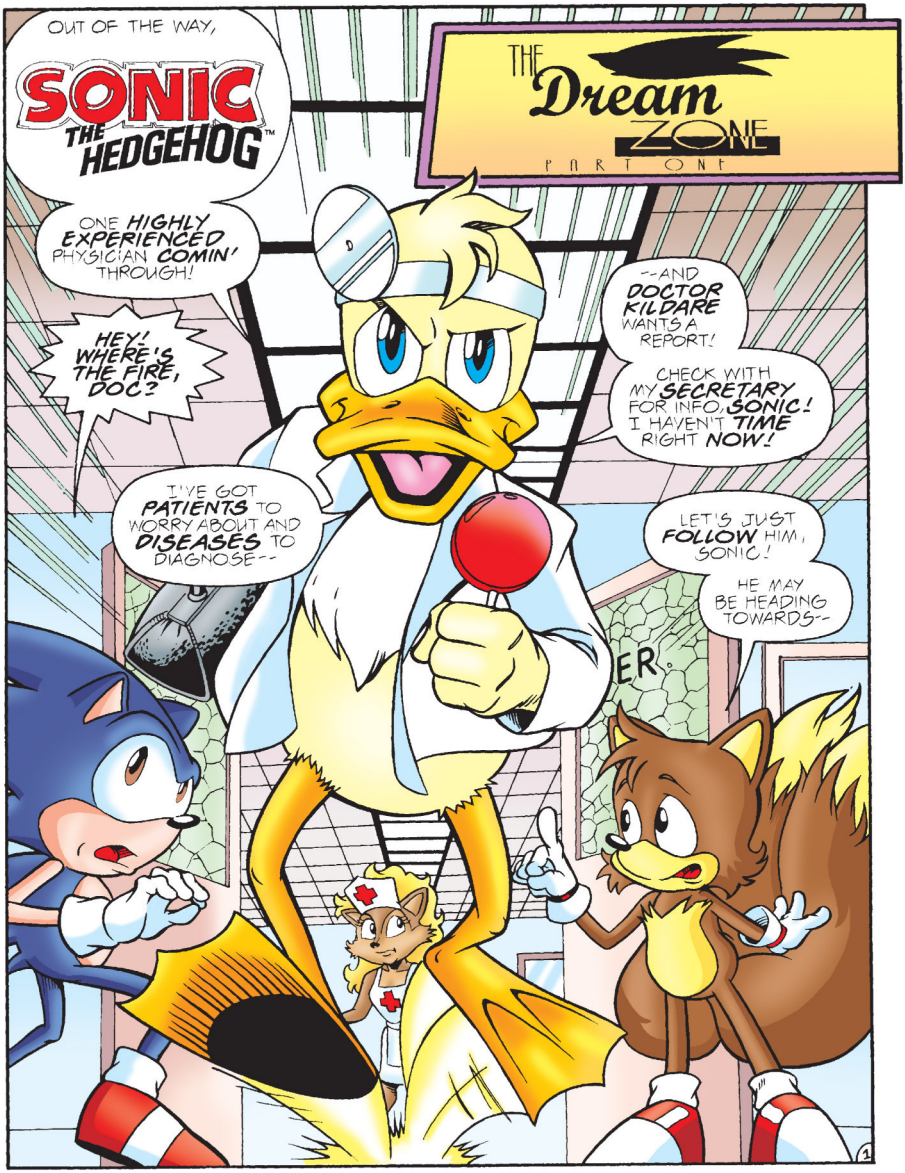
OUT OF THE WAY,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
THE Dream ZONE
PART ONE
ONE HIGHLY EXPERIENCED PHYSIC'IAN COMIN' THROUGH!
HEY! WHERE'S THE FIRE, DOC?
I'VE GOT PATIENTS TO WORRY ABOUT AND DISEASES TO DIAGNOSE--
--AND DOCTOR KILDARE WANTS A REPORT!
CHECK WITH MY SECRETARY FOR INFO, SONIC! I HAVEN'T TIME RIGHT NOW!
LET'S JUST FOLLOW HIM, SONIC!
HE MAY BE HEADING TOWARDS--
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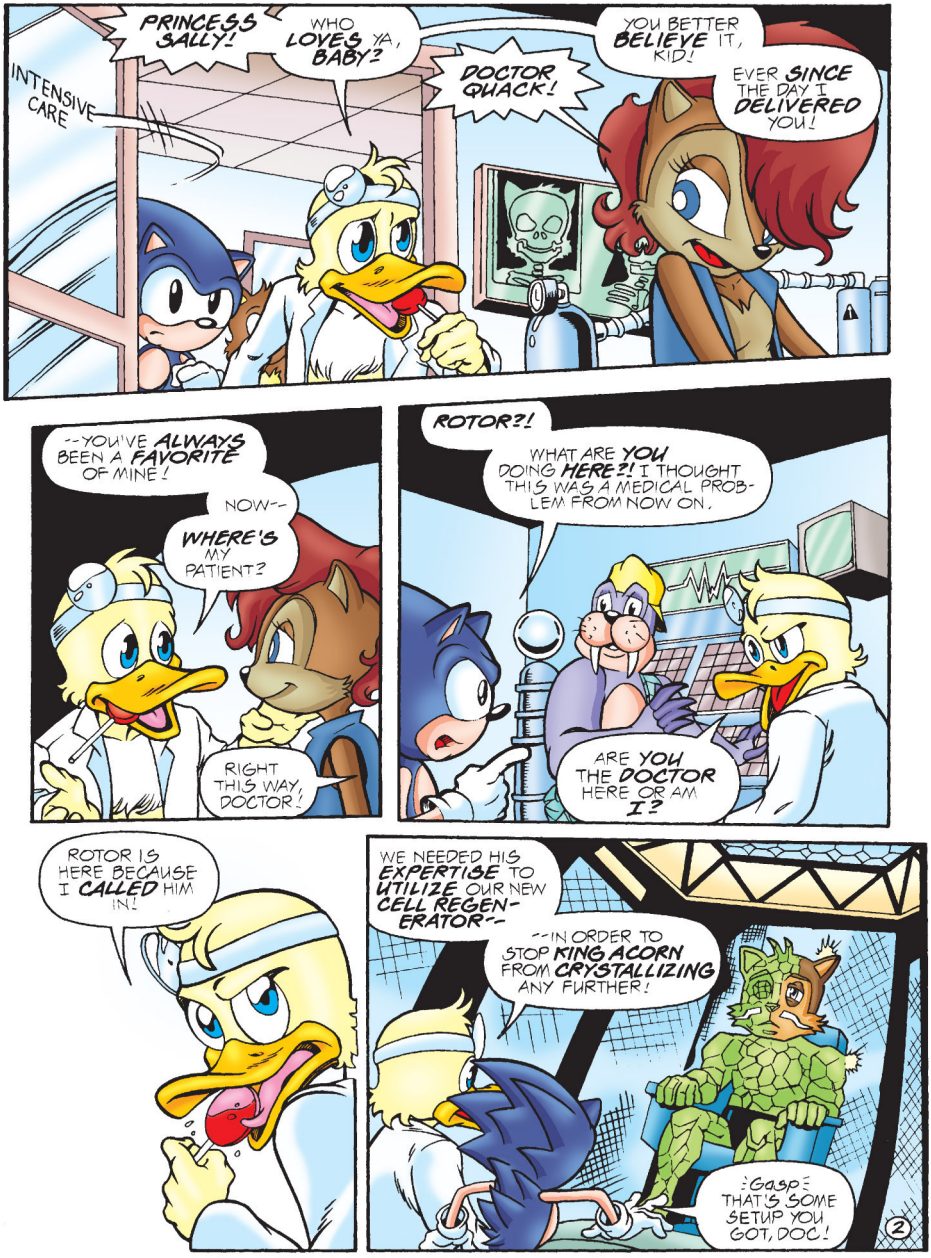
PRINCESS SALLY!
WHO LOVES YA, BABY?
INTENSIVE CARE
DOCTOR QUACK!
YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, KID!
EVER SINCE THE DAY I DELIVERED YOU!
--YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A FAVORITE OF MINE!
NOW--
WHERE'S MY PATIENT?
RIGHT THIS WAY, DOCTOR!
ROTOR?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! I THOUGHT THIS WAS A MEDICAL PROBLEM FROM NOW ON.
ARE YOU THE DOCTOR HERE OR AM I?
ROTOR IS HERE BECAUSE I CALLED HIM IN!
WE NEEDED HIS EXPERTISE TO UTILIZE OUR NEW CELL REGENERATOR--
--IN ORDER TO STOP KING ACORN FROM CRYSTALLIZING ANY FURTHER!
:Gasp: THAT'S SOME SETUP YOU GOT, DOC!
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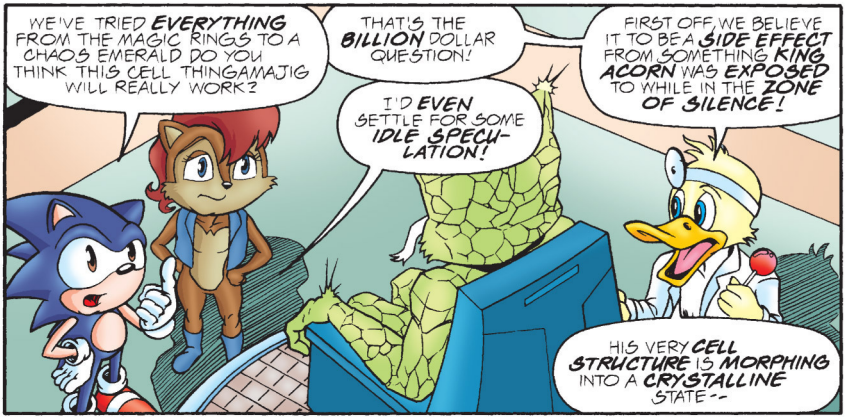
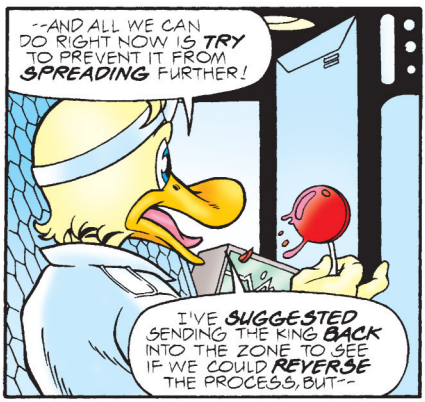
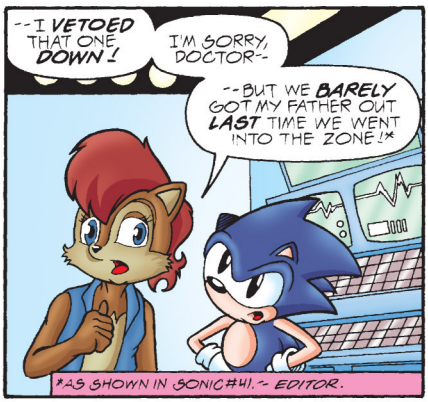
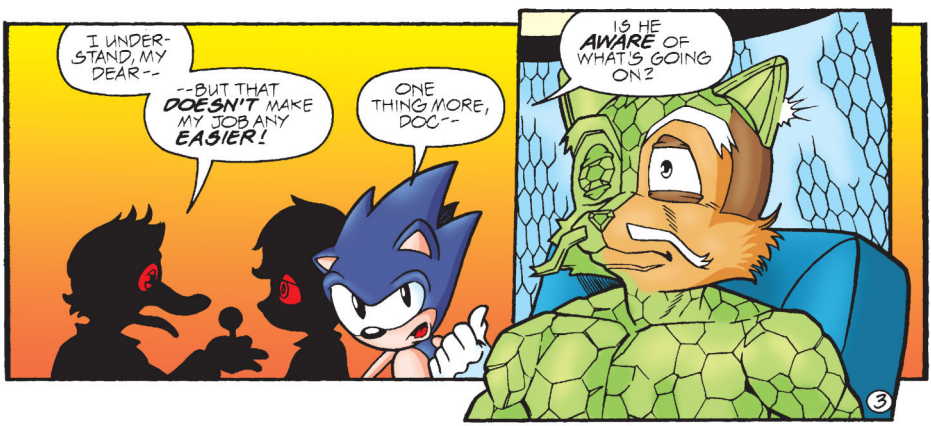

WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING FROM THE MAGIC RINGS TO A CHAOS EMERALD DO YOU THINK THIS CELL THINGAMAJIG WILL REALLY WORK?
THAT'S THE BILLION DOLLAR QUESTION!
I'D EVEN SETTLE FOR SOME IDLE SPECULATION!
FIRST OFF, WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A SIDE EFFECT FROM SOMETHING KING ACORN WAS EXPOSED TO WHILE IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE!
HIS VERY CELL STRUCTURE IS MORPHING INTO A CRYSTALLINE STATE--


--AND ALL WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS TRY TO PREVENT IT FROM SPREADING FURTHER!
I'VE SUGGESTED SENDING THE KING BACK INTO THE ZONE TO SEE IF WE COULD REVERSE THE PROCESS, BUT--


--I VETOED THAT ONE DOWN!
I'M SORRY, DOCTOR--
--BUT WE BARELY GOT MY FATHER OUT LAST TIME WE WENT INTO THE ZONE!*
*AS SHOWN IN SONIC #41. - EDITOR.


I UNDERSTAND, MY DEAR--
--BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE MY JOB ANY EASIER!
ONE THING MORE, DOC--
IS HE AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHO CAN SAY?
IN THE MEANTIME, I SUGGEST WE INTENSIFY THE REGENERATION RAYS!
AT BEST, THIS WILL HELP CURE HIM! AT WORST--
--HE WILL STAY AS IS!
ALRIGHT, ROTOR...
LET'S GET COOKIN'!
SAL, YOU TRUST THIS EM-DEE-DUCK?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT, SONIC?
JUST WONDERING IF HE'S LIVING UP TO HIS NAME!
I'LL IGNORE THAT CRACK, YOU BLUE-FURRED MEATBALL!
WHAT DO YOUR READ-OUTS SAY, ROTOR?
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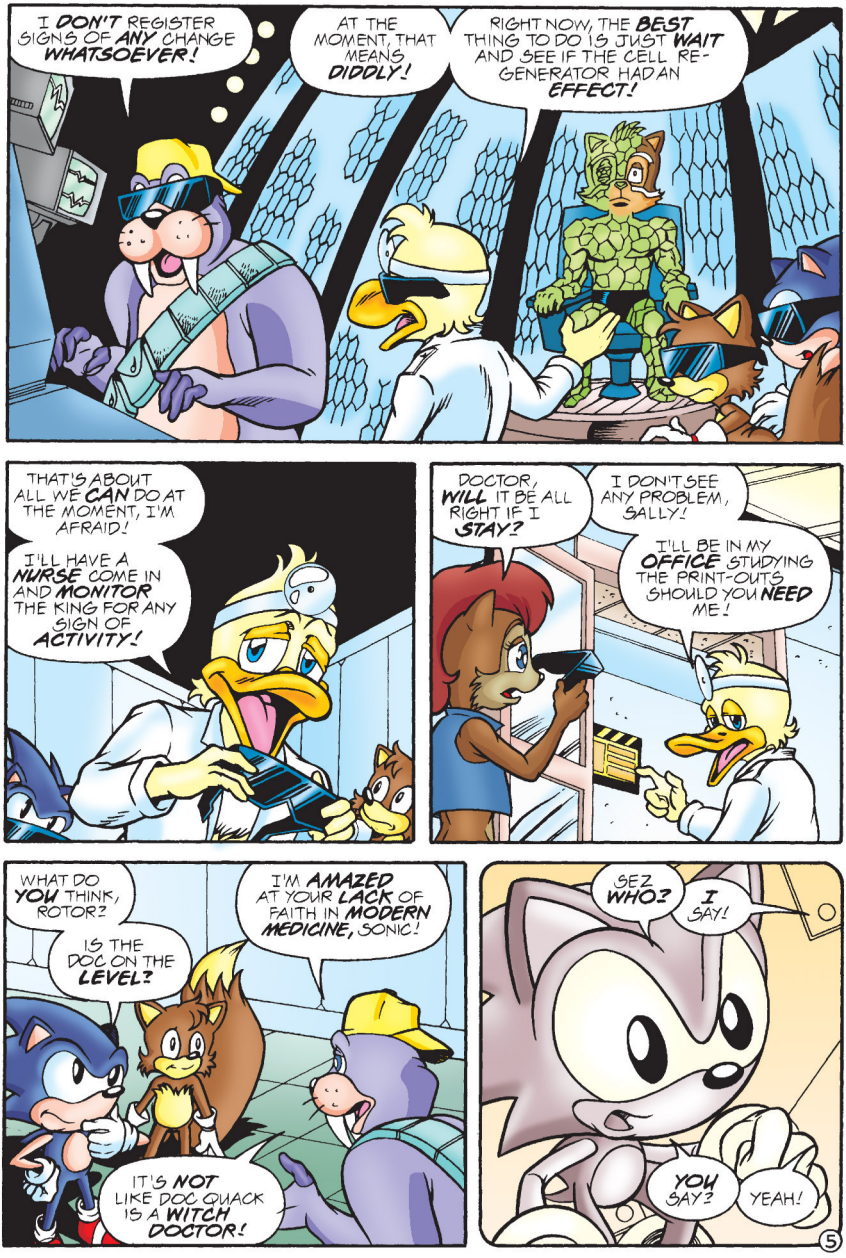
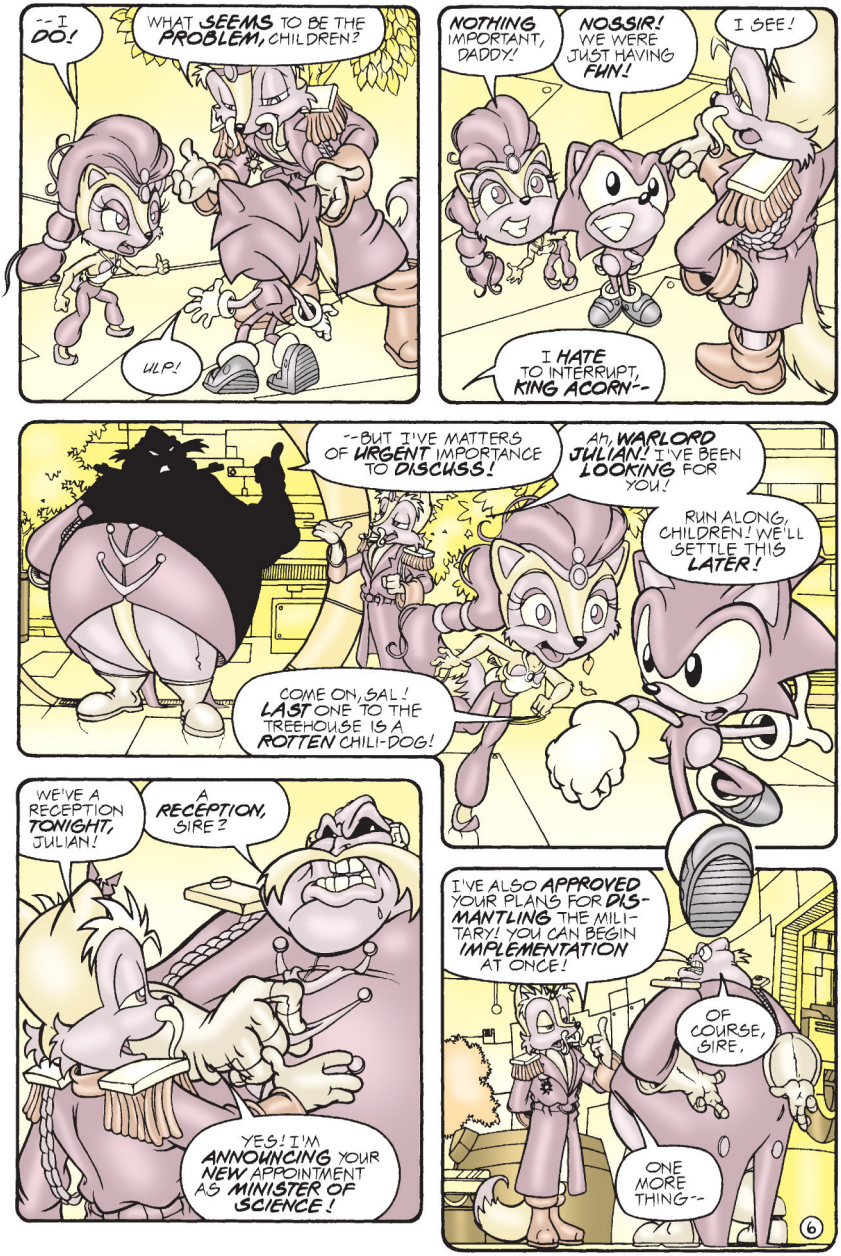

I DON'T REGISTER SIGNS OF ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER!
AT THE MOMENT, THAT MEANS DIDDLY!
RIGHT NOW, THE BEST THING TO DO IS JUST WAIT AND SEE IF THE CELL RE-GENERATOR HAD AN EFFECT!
THAT'S ABOUT ALL WE CAN DO AT THE MOMENT, I'M AFRAID!
I'LL HAVE A NURSE COME IN AND MONITOR THE KING FOR ANY SIGN OF ACTIVITY!
DOCTOR, WILL IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I STAY?
I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM, SALLY!
I'LL BE IN MY OFFICE STUDYING THE PRINT-OUTS SHOULD YOU NEED ME!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, ROTOR?
IS THE DOC ON THE LEVEL?
I'M AMAZED AT YOUR LACK OF FAITH IN MODERN MEDICINE, SONIC!
IT'S NOT LIKE DOC QUACK IS A WITCH DOCTOR!
SEZ WHO?
I SAY!
YOU SAY?
YEAH!


--I DO!
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM, CHILDREN?
ULP!
NOTHING IMPORTANT, DADDY!
NOSSIR! WE WERE JUST HAVING FUN!
I SEE!
I HATE TO INTERRUPT, KING ACORN--
--BUT I'VE MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE TO DISCUSS!
Ah, WARLORD JULIAN! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!
RUN ALONG, CHILDREN! WE'LL SETTLE THIS LATER!
COME ON, SAL! LAST ONE TO THE TREEHOUSE IS A ROTTEN CHILI-DOG!
WE'VE A RECEPTION TONIGHT, JULIAN!
A RECEPTION, SIRE?
YES! I'M ANNOUNCING YOUR NEW APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF SCIENCE!
I'VE ALSO APPROVED YOUR PLANS FOR DISMANTLING THE MILITARY! YOU CAN BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION AT ONCE!
OF COURSE, SIRE.
ONE MORE THING--
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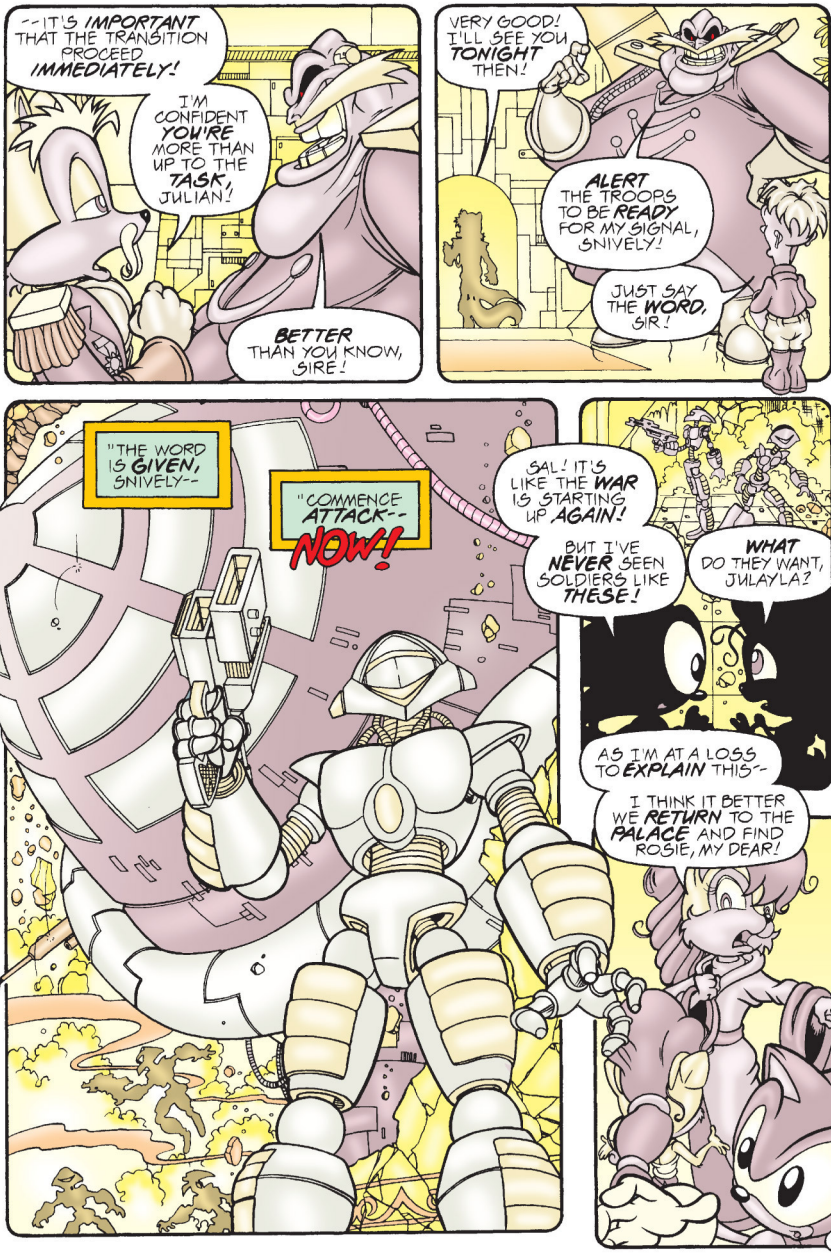
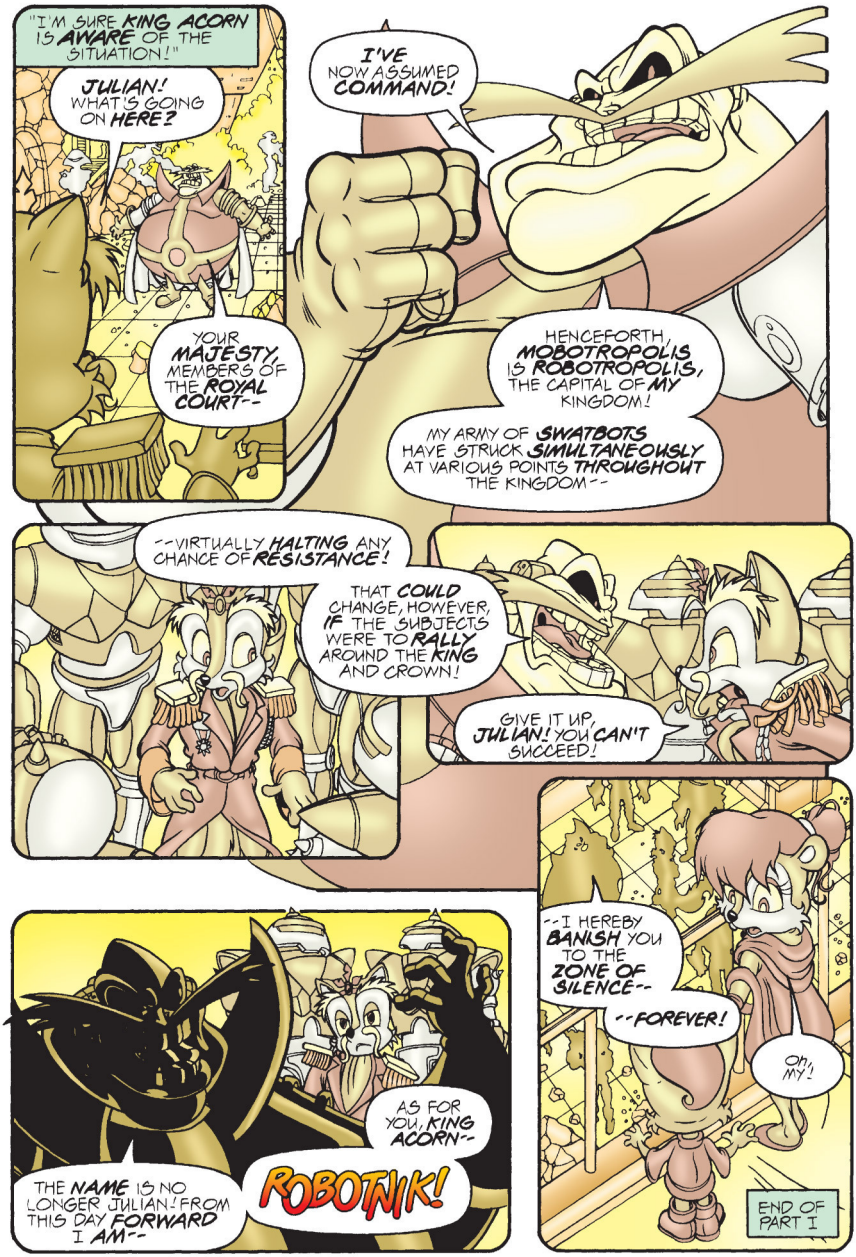

--IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE TRANSITION PROCEED IMMEDIATELY!
I'M CONFIDENT YOU'RE MORE THAN UP TO THE TASK, JULIAN!
BETTER THAN YOU KNOW, SIRE!
VERY GOOD! I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT THEN!
ALERT THE TROOPS TO BE READY FOR MY SIGNAL, SNIVELY!
JUST SAY THE WORD, SIR!
"THE WORD IS GIVEN, SNIVELY--
"COMMENCE ATTACK-- NOW!
SAL! IT'S LIKE THE WAR IS STARTING UP AGAIN!
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN SOLDIERS LIKE THESE!
WHAT DO THEY WANT, JULAYLA?
AS I'M AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN THIS--
I THINK IT BETTER WE RETURN TO THE PALACE AND FIND ROSIE, MY DEAR!


"I'M SURE KING ACORN IS AWARE OF THE SITUATION!"
JULIAN! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
YOUR MAJESTY, MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL COURT--
I'VE NOW ASSUMED COMMAND!
HENCEFORTH, MOBOTROPOLIS IS ROBOTROPOLIS, THE CAPITAL OF MY KINGDOM!
MY ARMY OF SWATBOTS HAVE STRUCK SIMULTANEOUSLY AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM--
--VIRTUALLY HALTING ANY CHANCE OF RESISTANCE!
THAT COULD CHANGE, HOWEVER, IF THE SUBJECTS WERE TO RALLY AROUND THE KING AND CROWN!
GIVE IT UP, JULIAN! YOU CAN'T SUCCEED!
--I HEREBY BANISH YOU TO THE ZONE OF SILENCE--
--FOREVER!
OH, MY!
END OF PART I
AS FOR YOU, KING ACORN--
THE NAME IS NO LONGER JULIAN! FROM THIS DAY FORWARD I AM--
ROBOTNIK!

I THOUGHT IF I FOUND YOU,
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PART TWO
I'D FIND PRINCESS SALLY AS WELL!
AM I GOOD OR WHAT, Eh?
PUT A SOCK IN IT, ST. JOHN!
WHEN WE NEED COMEDY RELIEF WE'LL ASK FOR IT!
Oh, GEOFFREY! I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME!
SAL--?
ZIP!
THERE, THERE, LUV! EVERYTHING WILL SOON BE RIGHT FINE!
I THINK I'M GONNA THROW UP!
SONIC! ARE YOU GETTING SICK AS WELL?
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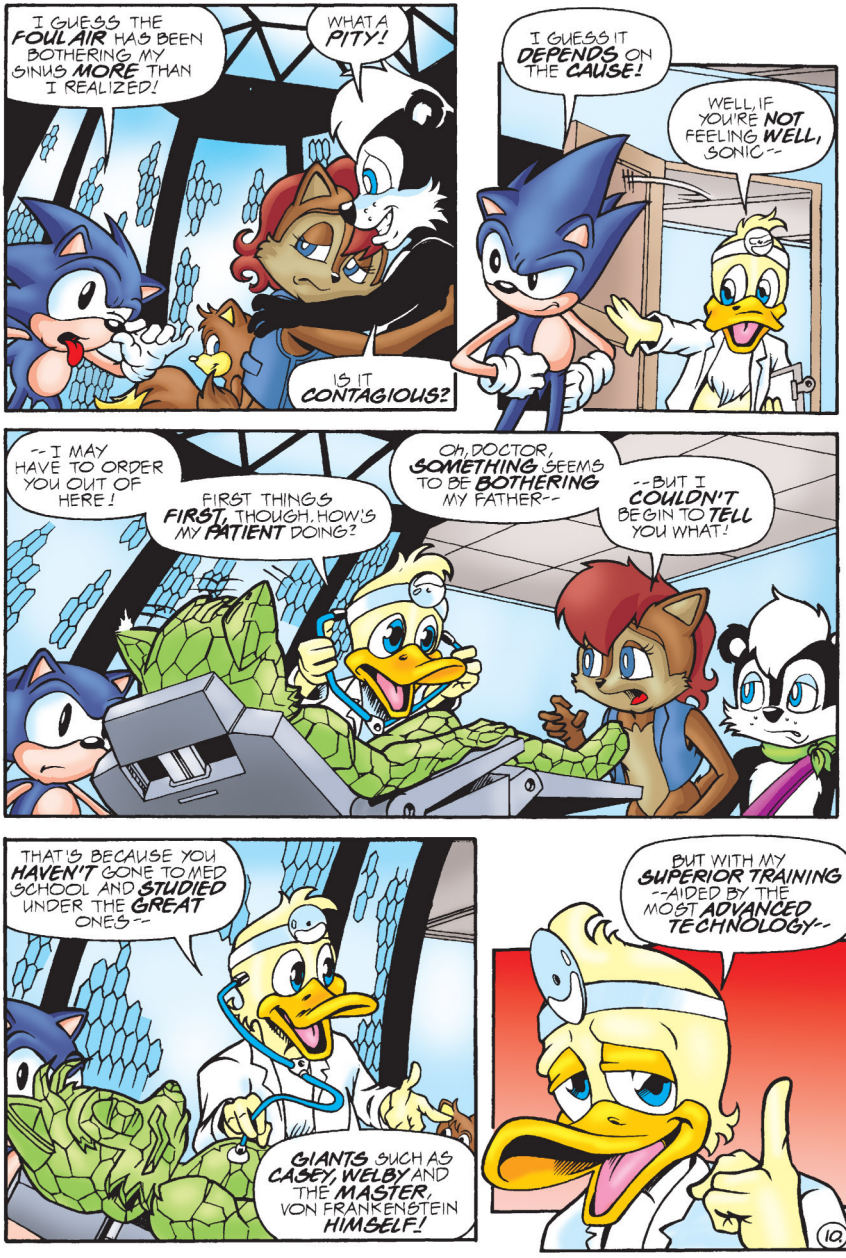
I GUESS THE FOUL AIR HAS BEEN BOTHERING MY SINUS MORE THAN I REALIZED!
WHAT A PITY!
IS IT CONTAGIOUS?
I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON THE CAUSE!
WELL, IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL, SONIC--
--I MAY HAVE TO ORDER YOU OUT OF HERE!
FIRST THINGS FIRST, THOUGH. HOW'S MY PATIENT DOING?
Oh, DOCTOR, SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE BOTHERING MY FATHER--
--BUT I COULDN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU WHAT!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T GONE TO MED SCHOOL AND STUDIED UNDER THE GREAT ONES--
GIANTS SUCH AS CASEY, WELBY AND THE MASTER, VON FRANKENSTEIN HIMSELF!
BUT WITH MY SUPERIOR TRAINING --AIDED BY THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY--
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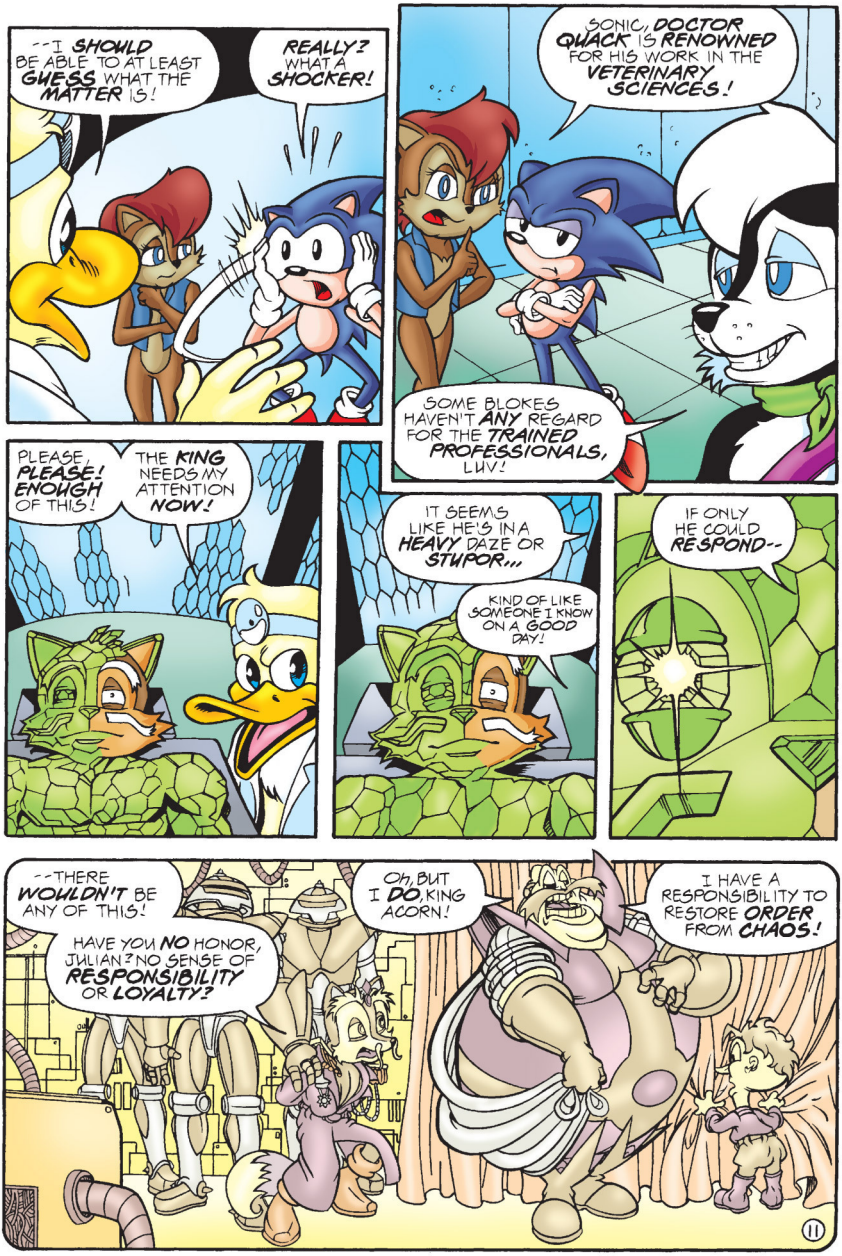
--I SHOULD BE ABLE TO AT LEAST GUESS WHAT THE MATTER IS!
REALLY? WHAT A SHOCKER!
SONIC, DOCTOR QUACK IS RENOWNED FOR HIS WORK IN THE VETERINARY SCIENCES!
SOME BLOKES HAVEN'T ANY REGARD FOR THE TRAINED PROFESSIONALS, LUV!
PLEASE, PLEASE! ENOUGH OF THIS!
THE KING NEEDS MY ATTENTION NOW!
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S IN A HEAVY DAZE OR STUPOR...
KIND OF LIKE SOMEONE I KNOW ON A GOOD DAY!
IF ONLY HE COULD RESPOND--
--THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY OF THIS!
HAVE YOU NO HONOR, JULIAN? NO SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY OR LOYALTY?
OH, BUT I DO, KING ACORN!
I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RESTORE ORDER FROM CHAOS!
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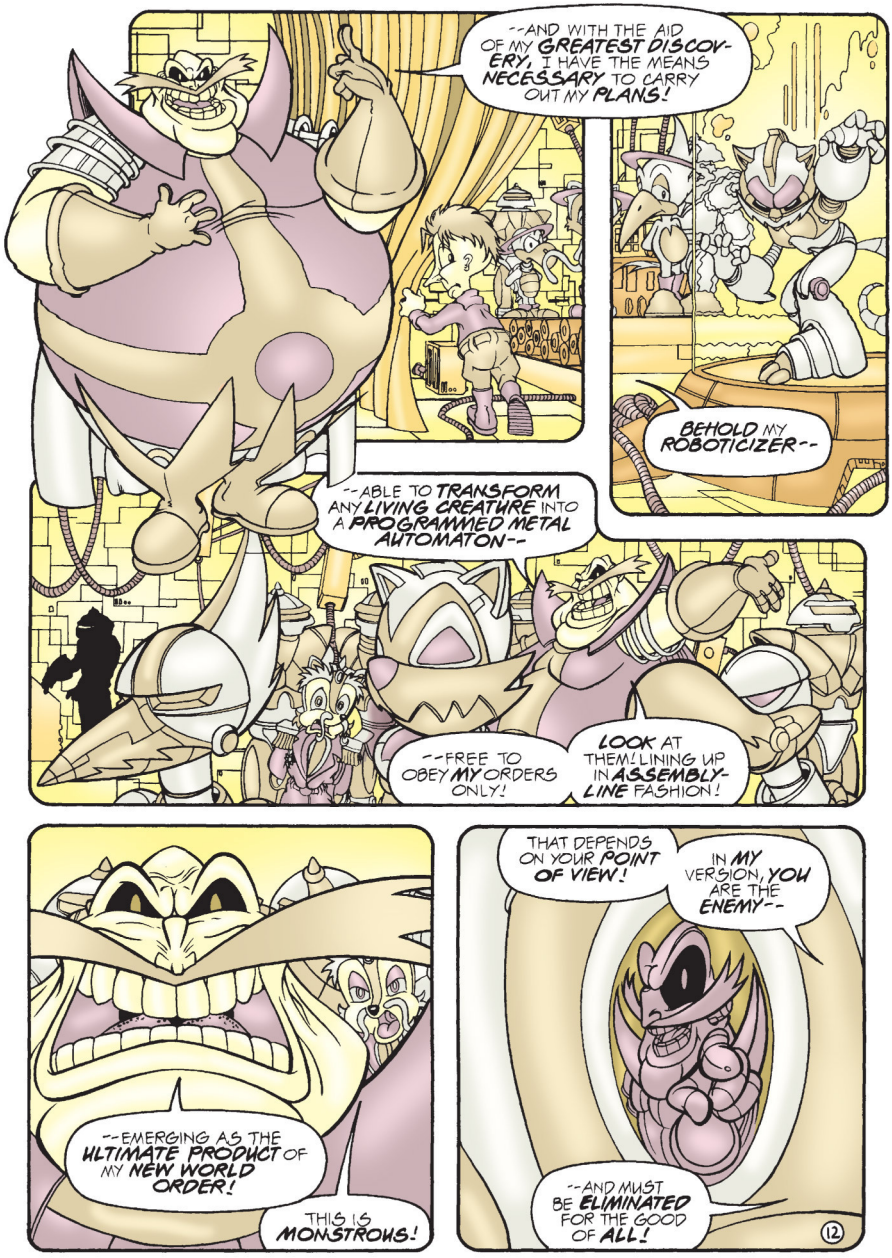
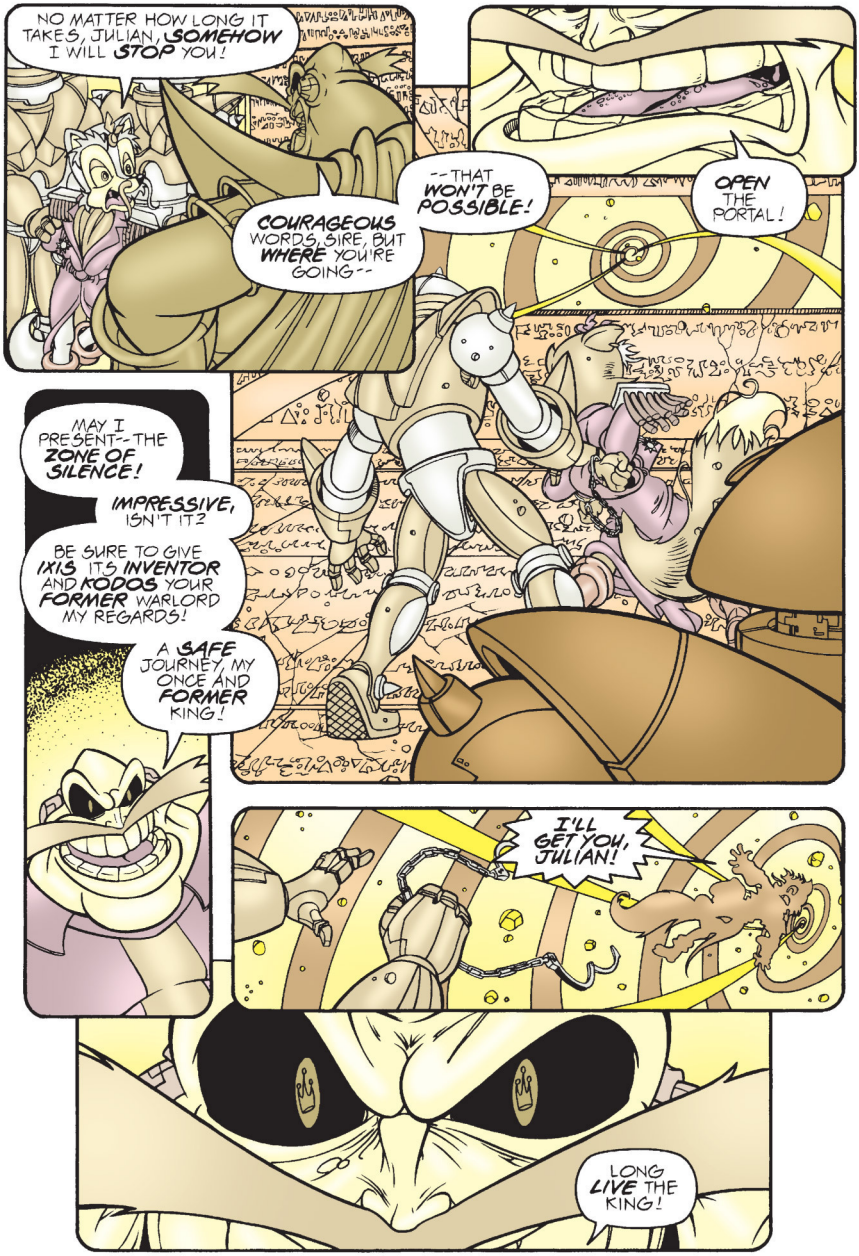
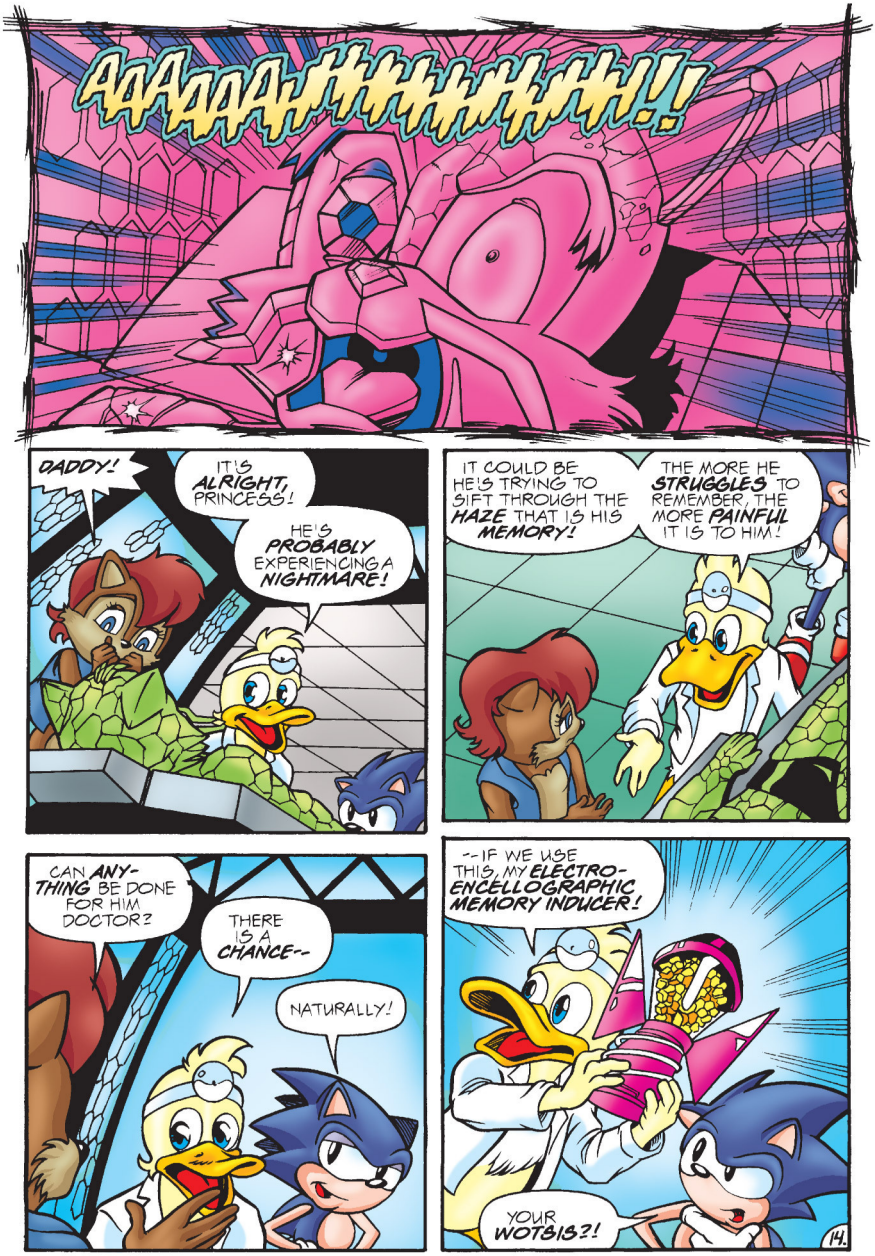

--AND WITH THE AID OF MY GREATEST DISCOVERY, I HAVE THE MEANS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT MY PLANS!
BEHOLD MY ROBOTICIZER--
--ABLE TO TRANSFORM ANY LIVING CREATURE INTO A PROGRAMMED METAL AUTOMATON--
--FREE TO OBEY MY ORDERS ONLY!
LOOK AT THEM! LINING UP IN ASSEMBLY-LINE FASHION!
--EMERGING AS THE ULTIMATE PRODUCT OF MY NEW WORLD ORDER!
THIS IS MONSTROUS!
THAT DEPENDS ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW!
IN MY VERSION, YOU ARE THE ENEMY--
--AND MUST BE ELIMINATED FOR THE GOOD OF ALL!


NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, JULIAN, SOMEHOW I WILL STOP YOU!
COURAGEOUS WORDS, SIRE, BUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING--
--THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE!
OPEN THE PORTAL!
MAY I PRESENT--THE ZONE OF SILENCE!
IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?
BE SURE TO GIVE IXIS ITS INVENTOR AND KODOS YOUR FORMER WARLORD MY REGARDS!
A SAFE JOURNEY, MY ONCE AND FORMER KING!
I'LL GET YOU, JULIAN!
LONG LIVE THE KING!


AAAAAAHHHHHHHHH!!
DADDY!
IT'S ALRIGHT, PRINCESS!
HE'S PROBABLY EXPERIENCING A NIGHTMARE!
IT COULD BE HE'S TRYING TO SIFT THROUGH THE HAZE THAT IS HIS MEMORY!
THE MORE HE STRUGGLES TO REMEMBER, THE MORE PAINFUL IT IS TO HIM!
CAN ANYTHING BE DONE FOR HIM DOCTOR?
THERE IS A CHANCE--
NATURALLY!
--IF WE USE THIS, MY ELECTRO-ENCELLOGRAPHIC MEMORY INDUCER!
YOUR WOTSIS?!
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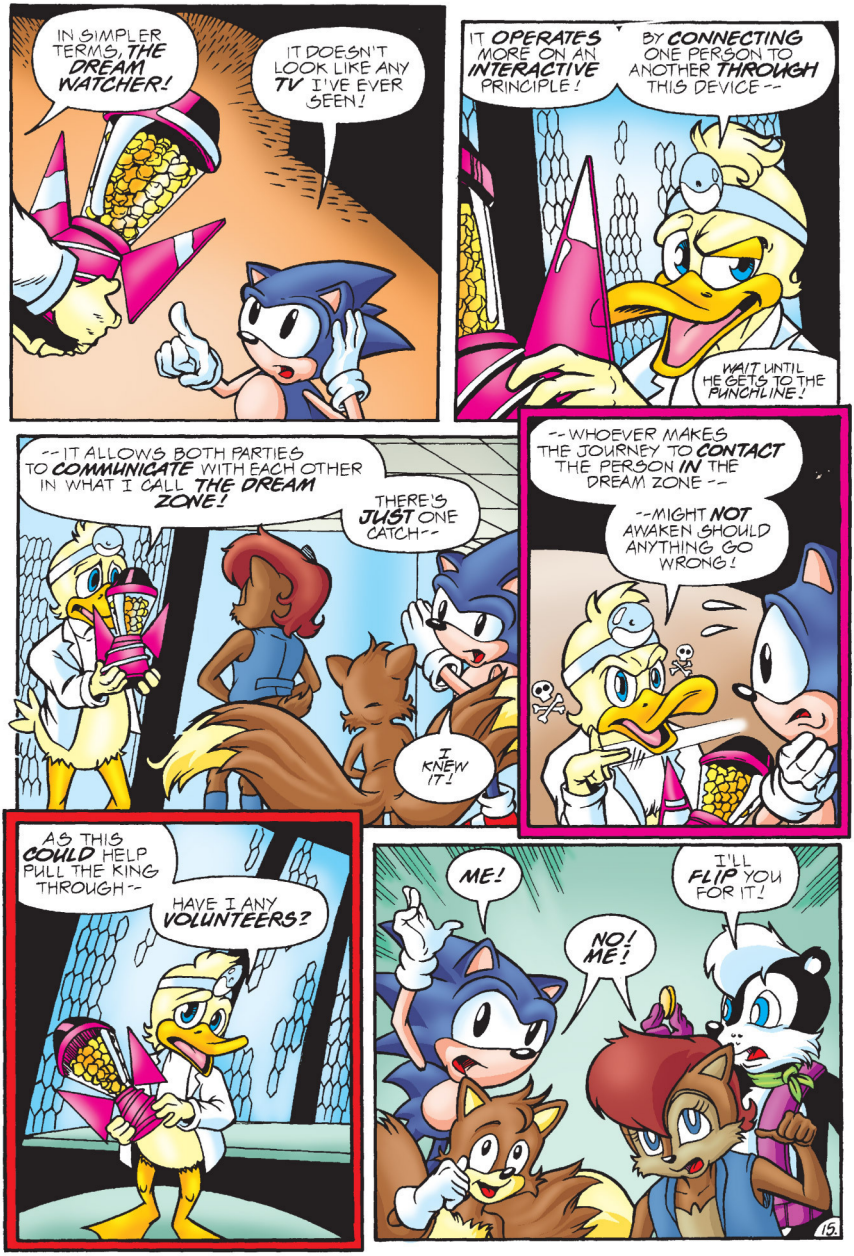
IN SIMPLER TERMS, THE DREAM WATCHER!
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY TV I'VE EVER SEEN!
IT OPERATES MORE ON AN INTERACTIVE PRINCIPLE!
BY CONNECTING ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER THROUGH THIS DEVICE --
WAIT UNTIL HE GETS TO THE PUNCHLINE!
--IT ALLOWS BOTH PARTIES TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER IN WHAT I CALL THE DREAM ZONE!
THERE'S JUST ONE CATCH--
I KNEW IT!
--WHOEVER MAKES THE JOURNEY TO CONTACT THE PERSON IN THE DREAM ZONE --
--MIGHT NOT AWAKEN SHOULD ANYTHING GO WRONG!
AS THIS COULD HELP PULL THE KING THROUGH--
HAVE I ANY VOLUNTEERS?
ME!
NO! ME!
I'LL FLIP YOU FOR IT!
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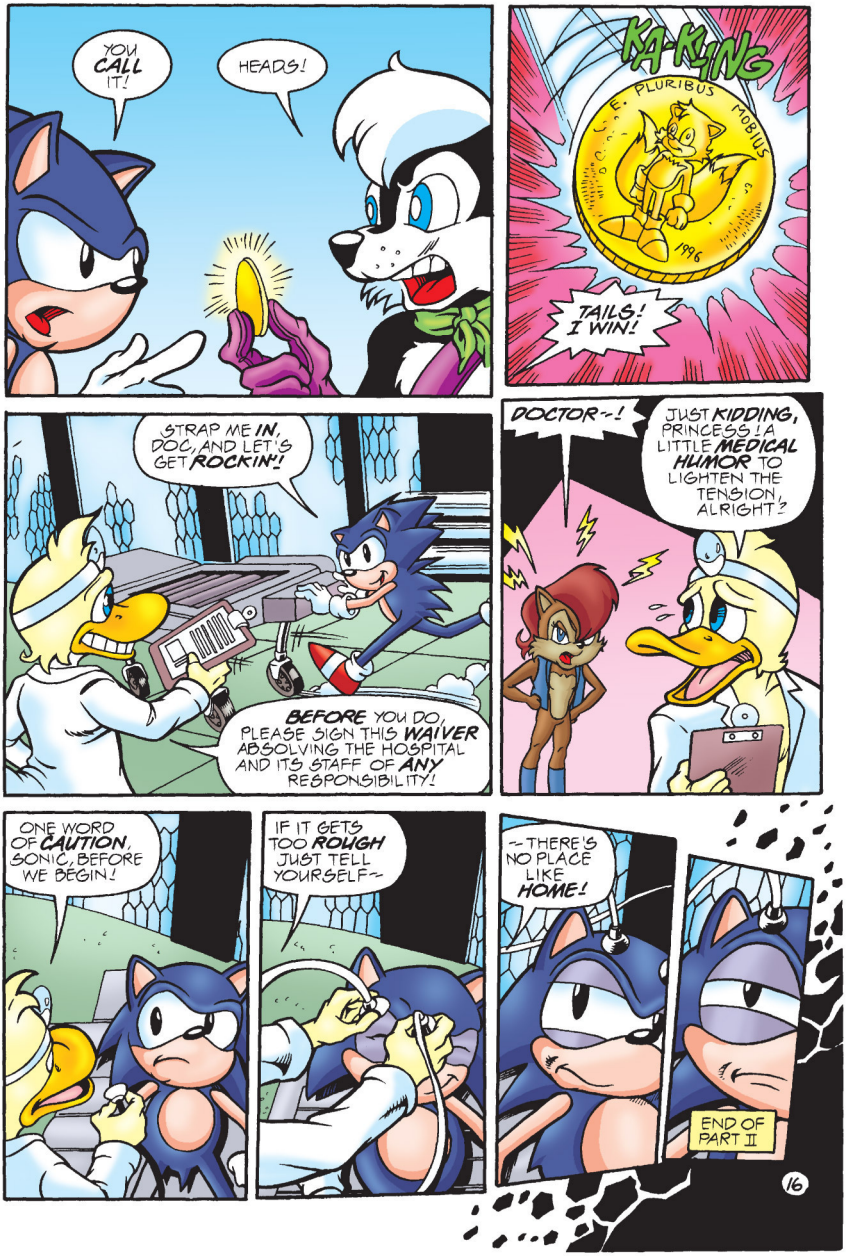
YOU CALL IT!
HEADS!
KA-KING
E PLURIBUS UNUM
1996
TAILS! I WIN!
STRAP ME IN, DOC, AND LET'S GET ROCKIN'!
BEFORE YOU DO, PLEASE SIGN THIS WAIVER ABSOLVING THE HOSPITAL AND ITS STAFF OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY!
DOCTOR~!
JUST KIDDING, PRINCESS! A LITTLE MEDICAL HUMOR TO LIGHTEN THE TENSION, ALRIGHT?
ONE WORD OF CAUTION, SONIC, BEFORE WE BEGIN!
IF IT GETS TOO ROUGH JUST TELL YOURSELF~
~THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!
END OF PART II
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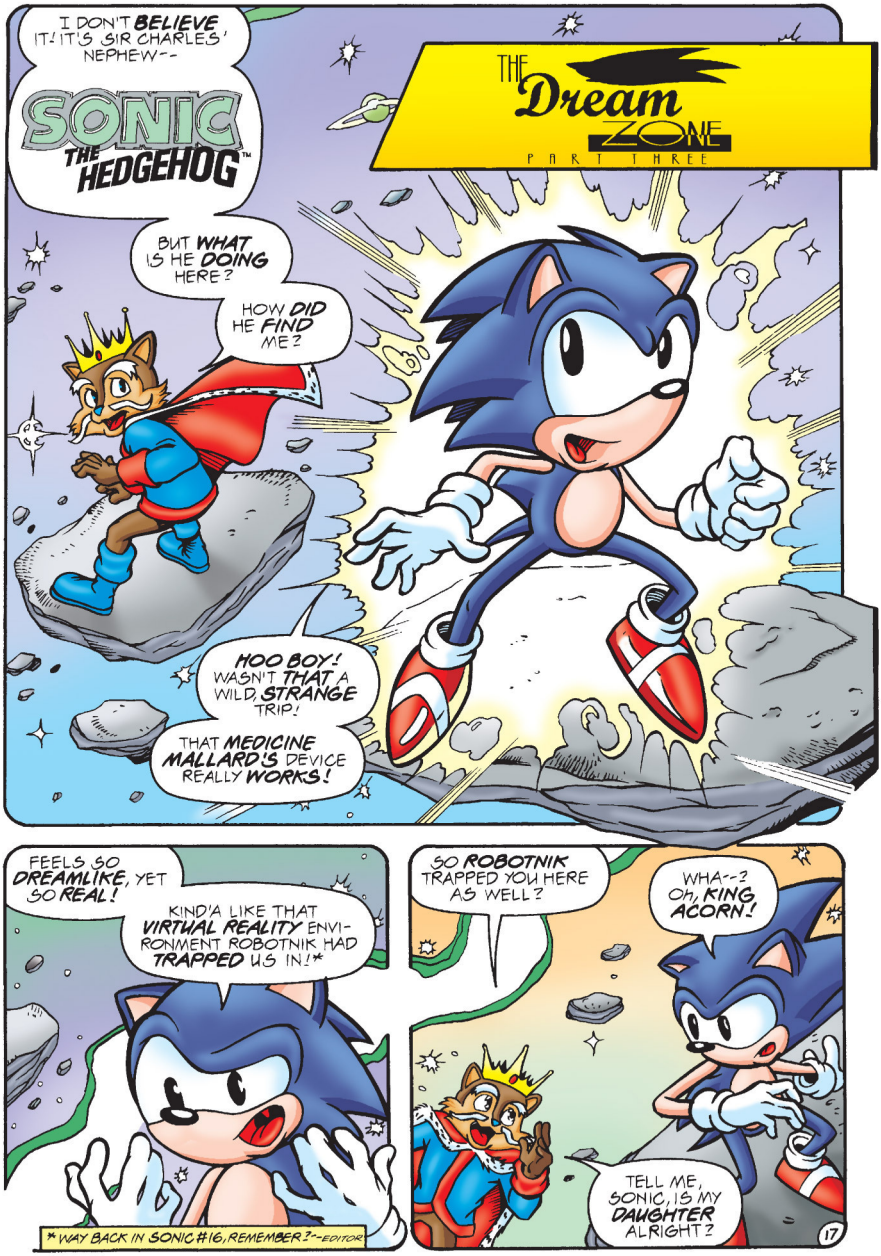
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S SIR CHARLES' NEPHEW--
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
THE Dream ZONE
PART THREE
BUT WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
HOW DID HE FIND ME?
HOO BOY! WASN'T THAT A WILD, STRANGE TRIP!
THAT MEDICINE MALLARD'S DEVICE REALLY WORKS!
FEELS SO DREAMLIKE, YET SO REAL!
KIND'A LIKE THAT VIRTUAL REALITY ENVIRONMENT ROBOTNIK HAD TRAPPED US IN!*
* WAY BACK IN SONIC #16, REMEMBER?--EDITOR
SO ROBOTNIK TRAPPED YOU HERE AS WELL?
WHA--? Oh, KING ACORN!
TELL ME, SONIC, IS MY DAUGHTER ALRIGHT?
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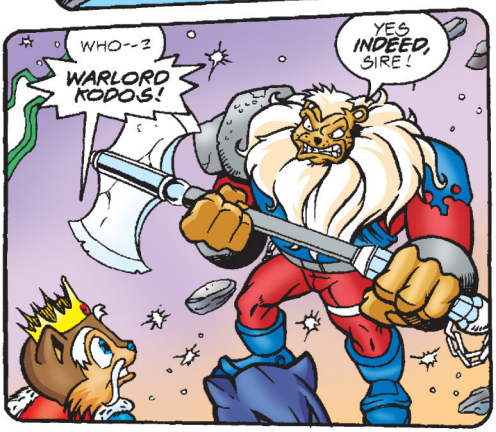
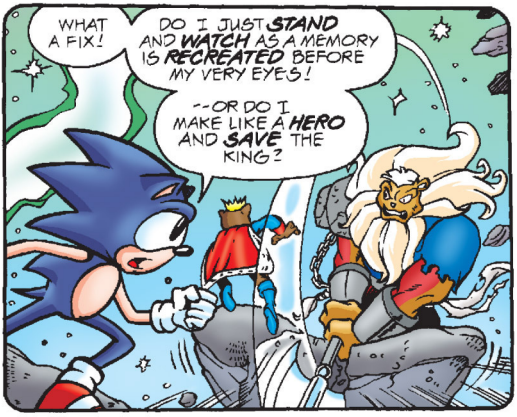
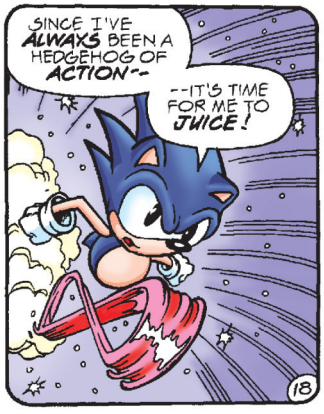
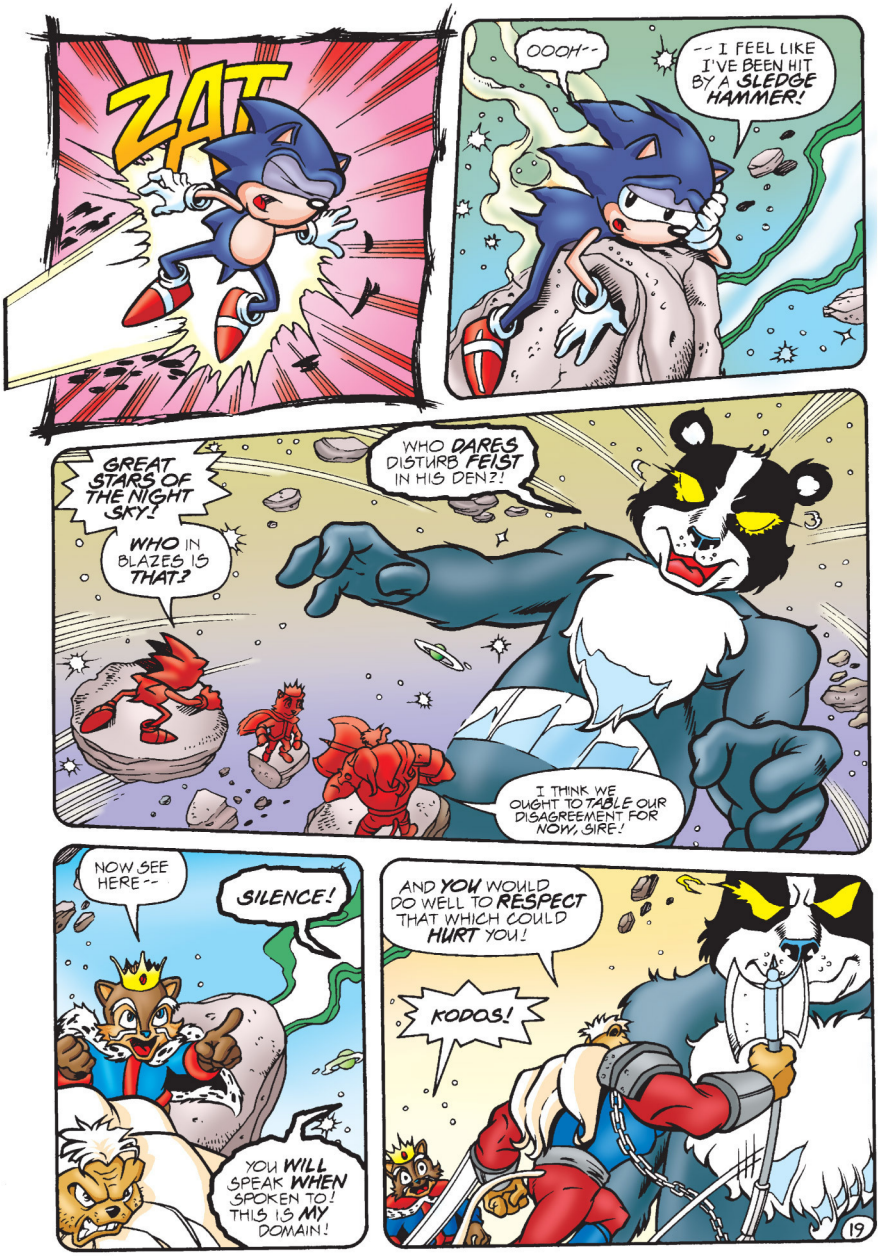
YOUR DAUGHTER--? BUT OF COURSE!
WELL, AT LEAST SHE'S SAFE FOR THE MOMENT!
BUT--
RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE!
BUT ME NO BUTS, LAD! WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!


WHO--?
WARLORD KODOS!
YES INDEED, SIRE!

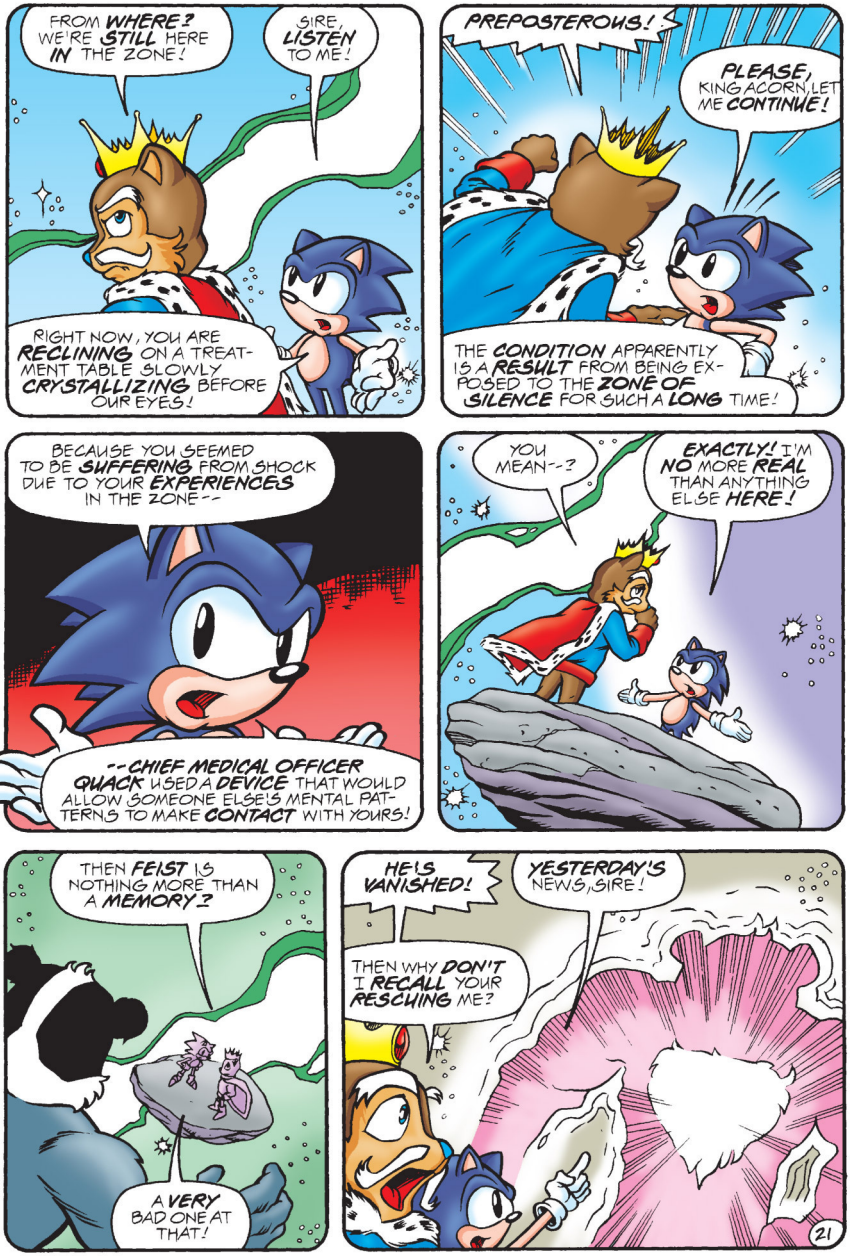
AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M IN ONE MEAN MOOD!
GET BACK, SONIC!
THIS ONE IS QUITE THE SWINGER!


WHAT A FIX!
DO I JUST STAND AND WATCH AS A MEMORY IS RECREATED BEFORE MY VERY EYES!
--OR DO I MAKE LIKE A HERO AND SAVE THE KING?


SINCE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A HEDGEHOG OF ACTION--
--IT'S TIME FOR ME TO JUICE!


ZAT
OOOH--
--I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN HIT BY A SLEDGE HAMMER!
GREAT STARS OF THE NIGHT SKY!
WHO IN BLAZES IS THAT?
WHO DARES DISTURB FEIST IN HIS DEN?!
I THINK WE OUGHT TO TABLE OUR DISAGREEMENT FOR NOW, SIRE!
NOW SEE HERE--
SILENCE!
YOU WILL SPEAK WHEN SPOKEN TO! THIS IS MY DOMAIN!
AND YOU WOULD DO WELL TO RESPECT THAT WHICH COULD HURT YOU!
KODOS!

ZAT
NOW TO GET RID OF THE OTHER GNAT!
KING ACORN! THIS IS NOT REAL!
ARE YOU MAD, LAD? OF COURSE THIS IS REAL!
I'M ABOUT TO BE TERMINATED!
WELL, YES--AND NO!
IT'S EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER, M'BOY!
YES, IT DID OCCUR--BUT, NO, IT'S NOT HAPPENING AGAIN!
CARE TO RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN?
I'M NOT SURE YOU'RE PREPARED FOR THIS, BUT--HERE GOES!
RIGHT NOW WE ARE IN YOUR DREAMS EXPERIENCING YOUR MEMORIES!
IT ALL SEEMS REAL ENOUGH TO ME, SONIC!
YOU JUST THINK SO, SIRE! IN REALITY--
--WE RESCHED YOU NOT LONG AGO!
RESCUED ME?!


FROM WHERE? WE'RE STILL HERE IN THE ZONE!
SIRE, LISTEN TO ME!
RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE RECLINING ON A TREATMENT TABLE SLOWLY CRYSTALLIZING BEFORE OUR EYES!
PREPOSTEROUS!
PLEASE, KING ACORN, LET ME CONTINUE!
THE CONDITION APPARENTLY IS A RESULT FROM BEING EXPOSED TO THE ZONE OF SILENCE FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!
BECAUSE YOU SEEMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM SHOCK DUE TO YOUR EXPERIENCES IN THE ZONE--
--CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER QUACK USED A DEVICE THAT WOULD ALLOW SOMEONE ELSE'S MENTAL PATTERNS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOURS!
YOU MEAN--?
EXACTLY! I'M NO MORE REAL THAN ANYTHING ELSE HERE!
THEN FEIST IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MEMORY?
A VERY BAD ONE AT THAT!
HE'S VANISHED!
YESTERDAY'S NEWS, SIRE!
THEN WHY DON'T I RECALL YOUR RESCUING ME?
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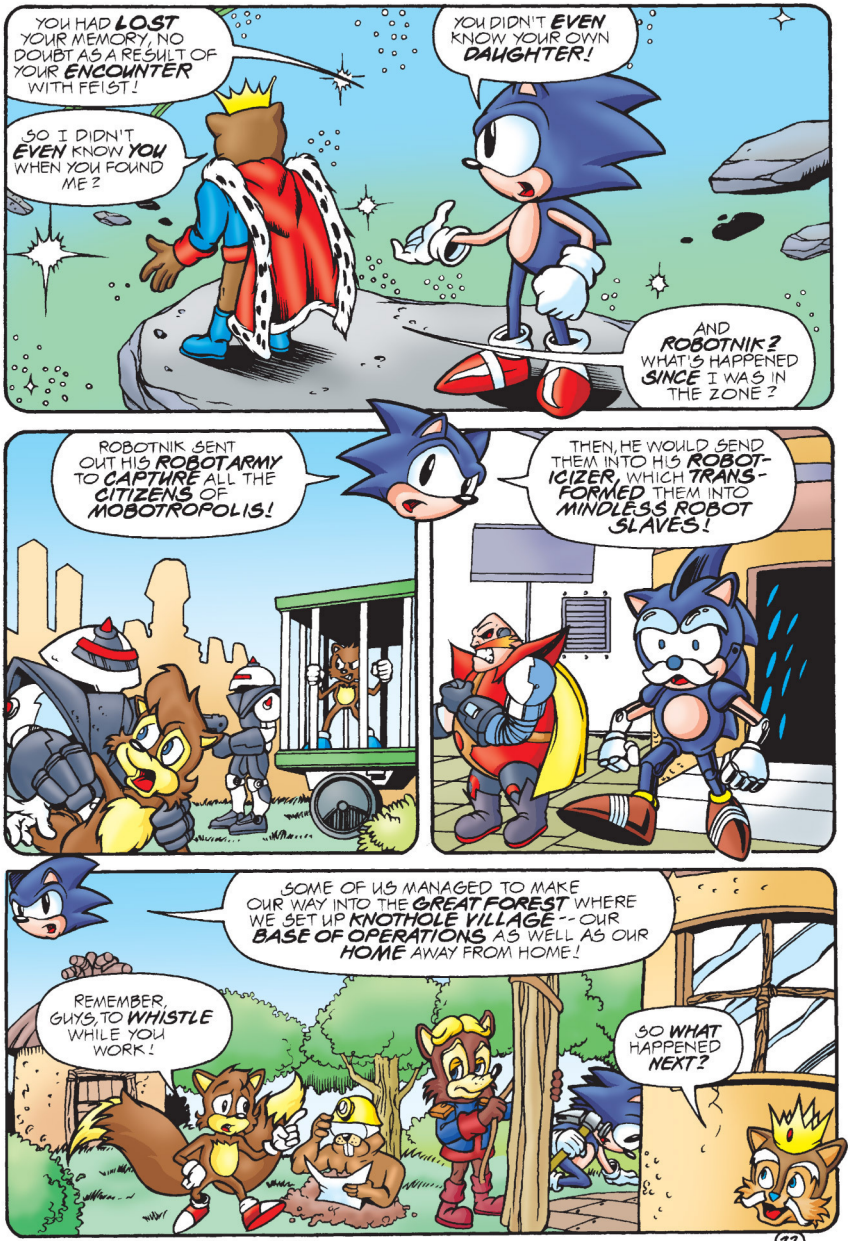
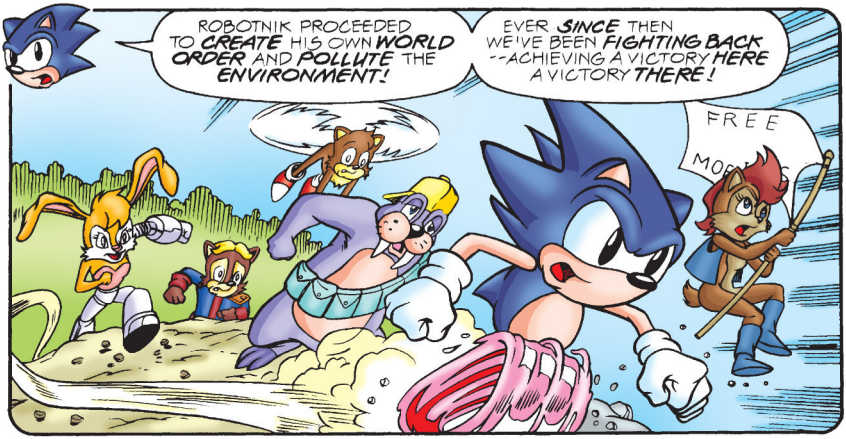

YOU HAD LOST YOUR MEMORY, NO DOUBT AS A RESULT OF YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH FEIST!
SO I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WHEN YOU FOUND ME?
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOUR OWN DAUGHTER!
AND ROBOTNIK? WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE I WAS IN THE ZONE?
ROBOTNIK SENT OUT HIS ROBOT ARMY TO CAPTURE ALL THE CITIZENS OF MOBOTROPOLIS!
THEN, HE WOULD SEND THEM INTO HIS ROBOT-ICIZER, WHICH TRANS-FORMED THEM INTO MINDLESS ROBOT SLAVES!
SOME OF US MANAGED TO MAKE OUR WAY INTO THE GREAT FOREST WHERE WE SET UP KNOTHOLE VILLAGE -- OUR BASE OF OPERATIONS AS WELL AS OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!
REMEMBER, GUYS, TO WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK!
SO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?


ROBOTNIK PROCEEDED TO CREATE HIS OWN WORLD ORDER AND POLLUTE THE ENVIRONMENT!
EVER SINCE THEN WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING BACK --ACHIEVING A VICTORY HERE A VICTORY THERE!
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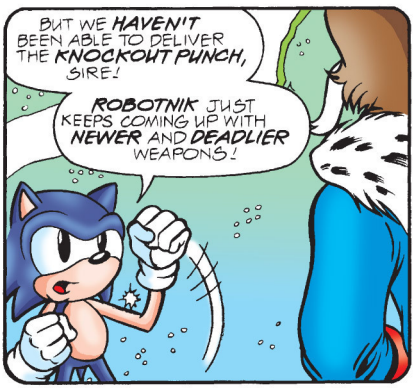
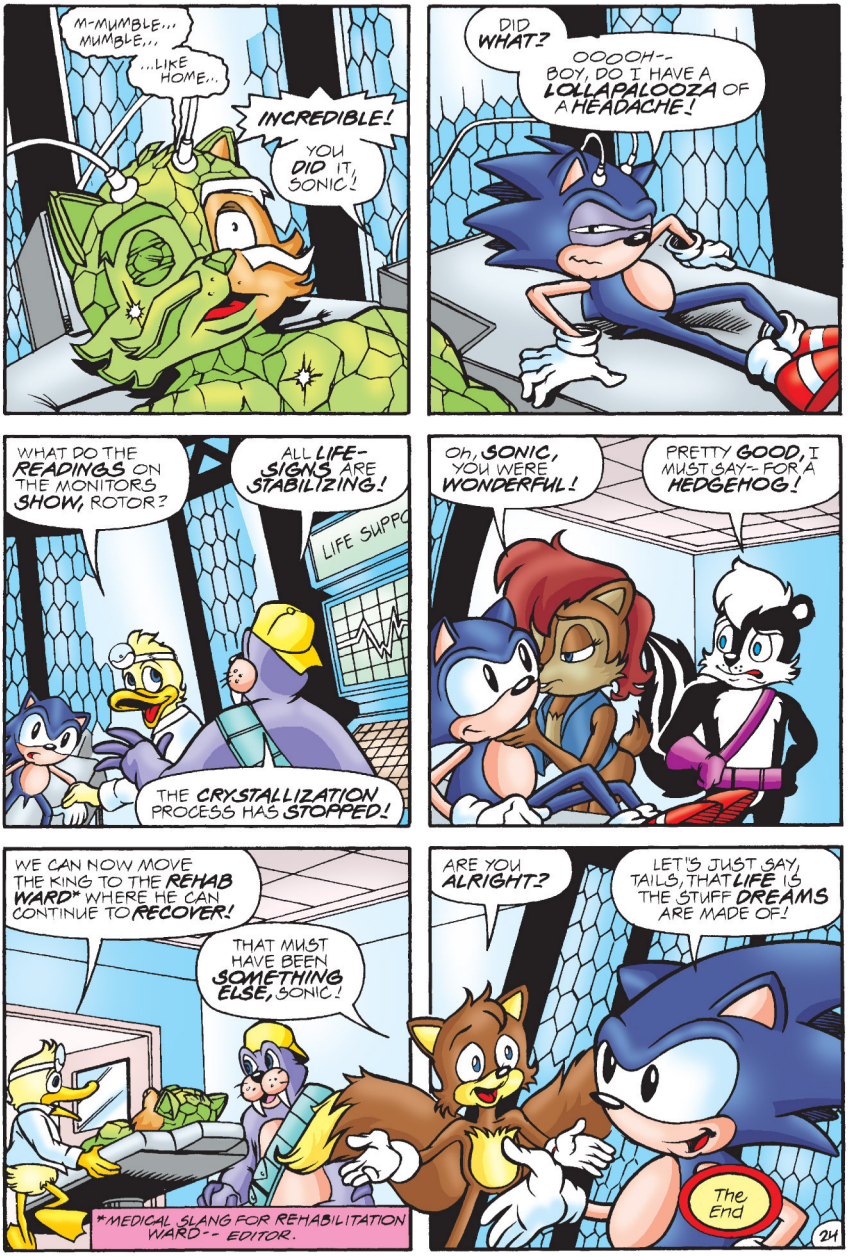

BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER THE KNOCKOUT PUNCH, SIRE!
ROBOTNIK JUST KEEPS COMING UP WITH NEWER AND DEADLIER WEAPONS!

WE NEED YOU, KING ACORN!
WE NEED YOUR EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM!
WE NEED YOU TO GET WELL IN ORDER TO HELP RESTORE MOBOTROPOLIS TO WHAT IT ONCE WAS!

BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE, SALLY NEEDS HER FATHER!

YOU'RE RIGHT, SONIC!
SONIC?
SONIC!


M-MUMBLE... MUMBLE...
...LIKE HOME...
INCREDIBLE!
YOU DID IT, SONIC!
DID WHAT?
OOOOH-- BOY, DO I HAVE A LOLLAPALOOZA OF A HEADACHE!
WHAT DO THE READINGS ON THE MONITORS SHOW, ROTOR?
ALL LIFE-SIGNS ARE STABILIZING!
LIFE SUPPO
THE CRYSTALLIZATION PROCESS HAS STOPPED!
OH, SONIC, YOU WERE WONDERFUL!
PRETTY GOOD, I MUST SAY-- FOR A HEDGEHOG!
WE CAN NOW MOVE THE KING TO THE REHAB WARD* WHERE HE CAN CONTINUE TO RECOVER!
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING ELSE, SONIC!
*MEDICAL SLANG FOR REHABILITATION WARD -- EDITOR.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
LET'S JUST SAY, TAILS, THAT LIFE IS THE STUFF DREAMS ARE MADE OF!
The End
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